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Milwaukee County Sheriff's Deputies Arrest Driver for OWI 2nd

Milwaukee, WI – Around 2 this morning, Milwaukee County Sheriff's deputies were called to a crash on southbound US Hwy 45 at West Capitol. When deputies arrived on the scene, they discovered a maroon Chrysler on its roof and a black Ford facing northbound in the southbound lanes of US Hwy 45.

An investigation determined that the driver of the Ford rear-ended the Chrysler causing the driver of the Chrysler to lose control and flip the car onto the roof. The driver of the Ford, 31-year-old, Theodore R. Kucharzak faces the following charges: *Operating While Impaired(OWI)Causing Injury/OWI* 2nd, *Prohibited Alcohol Content(PAC)* 2nd, *Reckless Driving, Failure to Maintain Control (of vehicle)*, *Operating While Suspended*. Two people in the Chrysler were taken to the hospital for non life-threatening injuries.

This crash occurred on a stretch of freeway Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr. refers to as "death valley." Death Valley is the stretch of freeway that includes: I-94, I-794, I-894. Its borders go from 124th street (on the west) to the lake (on the east.) The North/South borders go from Capitol Drive (North) to Edgerton Avenue (South.). Most drunken driving crashes in Milwaukee County occur in this area.

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